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CARAVEL - 39-year-old Federal criminal police official, has been an agent of our organization since the middle of World War II, when he fled Germany and went to Switzerland. In all aspects of his present work in the police, he reports to us fully and completely, and his motivation is apparently one of complete identification with the U S cause and far-reaching loyalty to our agency and its personnel. He is obedient to our every wish, although he always makes known his own views. Until the last six months or so he declined even to accept expense money and now takes only what he spends on trips necessary in connection with his police work for which he has not yet received government pay. He has reported to us on high-level developments leading to the formation of a Federal Criminal Police and Verfassungsschutz, and he is about to be appointed to a high criminal police position, which will put him in charge of liaison with foreign service and Lander offices, of press matters, and most important, of personnel and organizational planning. Since he has the support of German conservative and even reactionary forces, his political position is secure for the time being. He himself is a thoroughgoing democrat of capitalistic persuasion. Mentally brilliant, he is an excellent reporter and can be depended upon to keep us informed. He has been contacted in automobiles and at [ ] home, but his future job will make it necessary for him to see Allied officials regularly and meeting arrangements will be reconsidered. Caravel knows he works for the successor to OSS, knows [ ] and [ ] by their real names and knows their houses; he also knows most of Allan Dulles' old staff. Of our present operations, he is aware only of our connection to [ ] whom he introduced to a Bonn Interior Ministry official at our request. Although we are convinced of Caravel's complete loyalty to us, we feel that he may have some loose connection with the Swiss, for whom he also worked during World War II. We do not think that this in any way jeopardizes the operation. There is one security aspect of this operation: in his lobbying for the Federal Criminal Police, Caravel has revealed that he has highly-placed American contacts without going into details on the subject. Since almost every German high official has some contact with the Allies this is not in itself damaging. We hope and are confident that Caravel gave no indication of the nature of his contacts with the Americans. In one instance, at least, it seemed to us that Caravel took into his confidence the Chief of the British Zone Criminal Police, Ernst Voss, to a greater extent than was necessary. This incident happened several months ago and we do not think that it will in any way affect Caravel's career. We consider this a truly clandestine operation. [ ] is the case officer.

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